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HOLD ANNUAL MEETING OF V. I. P. A. IN LYNCHBURG

The fifth annual convention of the Virginia Intercollegiate Press Association was held in Lynchburg, Virginia, on November 13th and 14th, with Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Lynchburg College acting as hosts. Over 150 delegates from publications in universities and colleges in Virginia and the District of Columbia attended. Hollins College was represented by Elizabeth Young, Beth Durkee and Betty Cole for *Cargoes*, and Beverly Chalker and Elizabeth Coleman. Awards were made to the best publications in their respective fields, *Cargoes* of Hollins winning honorable mention in the magazine class.

A well-rounded program of events planned for the two-day session included discussion groups for editors of newspapers, magazines and annuals, as well as conferences for business managers. Under the direction of prominent journalists and publishers the representatives exchanged constructive ideas.

In contrast to the business meetings and even more enjoyable were the social functions. On Friday evening, Randolph-Macon College was hostess at a banquet given for the delegates at which Mr. Powell Chapman, editor of the *Roanoke Times*, was speaker. After this the presentation of cups was made.

The following officers will serve until the convention to be held in Farmville, Virginia, next fall: Miss Doreen Smith, of Farmville State Teachers' College, President; Mr. J. E. Lacy, of Hampden-Sydney, Secretary-Treasurer.

The publications winning awards were: Newspapers: Class A—*The Virginia Tech*, first place; The William and Mary *Flat Hat*, honorable mention. Class B—*The Radford S. T. C. Grapurchat*, first place; Mary Baldwin's *Campus Comments*, honorable mention. Class C—*The Virginia Episcopal High School Meteor*, first place; The Intermont *Cauldron*, honorable mention.

Annuals: Class A—*The Helianthus*, Randolph-Macon, first place; *The Calyx*, Washington and Lee, honorable mention. Class B—*The Blue Stocking*, Mary Baldwin, first place; *The Briar Patch*, Sweetbriar, honorable mention. Class C—*The Sampler*, Sullins, first place; *The Intermont*, Intermont College, honorable mention.

Magazines: *The Hampden-Sydney Magazine*, first place; *Cargoes*, Hollins College, honorable mention.

Comic Publications: *The V. P. I. Skipper*, first place; The Randolph-Macon *Old Maid*, honorable mention.

Miss Mary Jane Cox is Mathematics Substitute

The administration of Hollins College has secured the services of Miss Mary Jane Cox as a substitute in the Mathematics Department during the temporary absence of Mr. Dickinson. Miss Cox received her B. S. in mathematics at the University of Virginia and last year finished the work for her Master's Degree there. She was teaching in the high school in Manassas this fall when she was called to Hollins.

Dr. Poteat is Speaker at Honor Student Banquet

Dr. Herbert McNeill Poteat, Professor of Ancient Languages at Wake Forest College, North Carolina, was the principal speaker at the banquet given by President Cocke for the Honor Students, Friday evening, November 6th, at Hotel Roanoke. Dr. F. Lamar Janney presided as toastmaster. Miss Matty Cocke opened the banquet by welcoming the speaker, the Honor Students, members of the faculty and guests. Later in the evening Dr. Janney introduced Dr. Poteat, who lectures at Wake Forest during the winter and at Columbia during the summer months. Their respective speeches were broadcasted over station WRBX from Roanoke.

Dr. Poteat first of all brought greetings from Hollins' older brother, Wake Forest College, which was founded in 1834, eight years before Hollins. He took as the theme of his speech a text from Suetonius' *Life of Domitian*: "Now he booted all the philosophers out of the city." "In the first place," said Dr. Poteat, "the Emperor objected to their teaching the people to think, for tyranny cannot flourish in a land where citizens think for themselves. Democracy is not real even to-day because the masses are intellectually lazy; men can preach that black is white and be considered great statesmen. The average intelligence is eighth grade and, as minds of that calibre do not understand intelligent discussion of public questions, the politician wages his campaign by means of slander. In religion," he continued, "the same state of affairs is to be found, for Intolerance, the ugliest of Mother Ignorance's monstrous brood, exists everywhere. Indeed, evangelists are still preaching that unless the congregation accepts their particular interpretation of the scripture, they will never see the pearly gates. From this may be drawn the first criterion by which to test an education: the ability and willingness to do one's own thinking. An educated person," said Dr. Poteat, "while he admits others' rights to their opinions, forms his own convictions and is able to hold them because he has arrived at them by meditation."

"Domitian booted the philosophers out of the city, in the second place, because they taught people to love things worthwhile. Many schools now try to fit students to occupy a utilitarian place in society by training them for vocations instead of training them to live richly. Boredom," Dr. Poteat stated, "is the cause of much of the consumption of liquor, not to speak of the general restlessness prevalent to-day. Therefore, the second result of education should be a true type of culture, an ability to enjoy the worthwhile things in life."

"These philosophers of whom Domitian so heartily disapproved, also taught that man has an obligation to his fellowman. There is more sorrow and suffering in the world than happiness," continued Dr. Poteat, "and it is up to the educated person to eradicate it. The effect of sorrow, pain and darkness upon an individual may then be a third criterion by which to test his education."

According to Dr. Poteat, education must inspire altruism, an interest in the welfare of less fortunates. In fact, the final question to ask oneself is: Has the world become a better, cheerier place because you have lived in it?

"Create Great Peace," Says Miss Berner

At Convocation, Wednesday, November 11th, Hollins commemorated Armistice Day in a fitting manner by having Miss Berner, of the National Board of the Y. W. C. A., speak on Peace. While introducing the speaker, Miss Williamson mentioned the fact that this address came as a continuation of the movement begun last year to make Armistice Day a time to be remembered, not as the end of the World War, but the beginning of world peace.

As her theme, Miss Berner took a portion of the first line of a poem of Richard le Gallienne, which began:

"War I abhor, but—"

This, she said, was the attitude of too many people who think for a moment of the horrors of war, but dwell long on the glories and thrills they imagine attend it.

Due to the fact that Miss Berner was in a hospital in Europe during the war, she was enabled to speak with conviction concerning the undesirability of war and the necessity for peace. By means of several disturbing and moving examples, she reached the hearts of her audience by describing two real scenes of the life on the front and the trend of American minds on the subject of war. For instance, the speaker pictured the soldiers in her hospital barracks in the Vosges Mountains "as resembling old, bedraggled, black crows." Again she spoke of a boy, lying with a broken back in a hospital, while a nurse wrote, as he dictated, a letter to his sister, telling her how "fine" he was getting along and how "wonderful" the doctors and nurses were, though he was forced to speak at short intervals punctuated by silences caused by pain.

"Another equally young boy from West Point was heard to say not long ago, 'We are all just praying for war!' When asked why, he said, 'Because we would get our degrees without having to go through our last year in college!'"

Thus Miss Berner concluded her address with the admonition: "Make peace as glorious and exciting as war sounds to people away from it. Peace has been so inglorious, deadly, monotonous. Would you end war? Create great peace! Give man a hard piece of creativity. Set him to work, not to create things but men."

"Build machinery against war, yes! But create a great peace that there may be life, leisure, chance to create the personality of a social order which at this moment hangs in the balance!"

Senior Class Holds First Forum on Wednesday

The first Senior Forum of 1931-32 was held at a tea given on November 18th in the Y. W. C. A. rooms. The objects of these forums, held four times a year, are to furnish social contact and, by means of discussion, to encourage creative interest in projects beneficial to the entire school. To this end the class is divided into four groups to lead in these discussions of campus problems. The subject for the recent forum, led by the president, Catherine Witschen, was: "The Senior's Place on a College Campus."

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QUANTITY OR QUALITY?

There has arisen here an imperative need for the inauguration of some system which will enable students to master their studies instead of having the studies master them. For the past month the really serious members of the Senior and Junior Classes have been slaves to their work, ever driven by the necessity of reading for papers, preparing for pops, oral quizzes, as well as doing the daily assignments. The feeling on campus, therefore, is that a remedy must come and must come immediately. Such reform cannot take a slow, circuitous course through the hands of a curriculum committee, only to be put into effect next year or second semester. It must be a thing of this moment, to be put into effect now.

Such immediate reform is obviously necessary when it is realized that as the situation exists now, the courses at Hollins rest on a foundation that is purely one of grades. In order to pass in their courses, students are reduced to the point of doing as much as they can (which is in some cases, only "enough to get by") without going deeply or profoundly into any subject. Thus, instead of being able to study intensively, the majority of girls have found it necessary to rush through their work with the all too futile hope of completing it. As a result, study has degenerated into something superficial and hurried. So it is that the quality of work is deteriorating as the quantity increases. Then, too, at the present time, there is no question of any student doing extra work for a course. No matter how interesting it might be, the very idea of anything extra is dismissed as impossible because of the weight of everyday assignments, term papers and periodic writtings. It is becoming increasingly hard for the really interested student to undertake any outside source work just for the love of a subject. The reason for this arises from the fact that her time is entirely taken up with regular compulsory assignments.

As this is true of academic work, so does it hold for individual and extra-academic activities. Such a thing as leisure time for writing an article for *Cargoes*, reading a novel or current magazines does not exist under the present conditions. To cite another of many examples, the noticeable decrease in the number of girls riding has as its cause also, the assignment of too much work. Matters have reached a deplorable state when time cannot be found for exercise. The resultant problem facing the student who wants to do justice to her studies and yet take part in outside activities resolves

itself into a choice between doing both very badly or doing only one.

The cause of such a situation is, in our opinion, twofold. In the first place, many students have not shown themselves intelligent enough or interested enough to employ their leisure time wisely. For example, if the teachers should take into consideration the capacity of the average student and demanded only the amount of work more in keeping with this capacity, the aforementioned group would probably waste the extra time given them, and do only so much as to insure passing grades. For there are always those who would take advantage of the decrease in required work by going on an unreasonable number of weekends, seeing every trashy movie in Roanoke and playing bad bridge in Kellar. So, this group is partially responsible for the situation. But the faculty, too, are not without blame. For one thing, they realized that last year, most term papers fell due just before midyears. This year, in a well-meaning attempt to do away with the piling up of papers at the end of the term, they announced that they would be due before Thanksgiving! Each professor, moreover, considering her subject most important, tries to get a little more out of her students than the other faculty members do. In consequence, the girls are made the brunt of the tendency of the teachers to vie with each other in demanding more and more work. The responsibility for the existing conditions rests, therefore, upon the shoulders of both students and faculty.

Since the cause is twofold, the remedy must come from two sources. Firstly, the teachers must make some provision that will insure an appropriate amount of leisure time to the student. They must also cooperate with each other in order to prevent extra assignments being due at the same time. Another remedy might be to omit class assignments during the two weeks, for example, in which the students of that course are preparing a paper. Secondly, the students themselves should not abuse any concessions made for the benefit of the group. If they prove to be truly conscientious the necessity for daily assignments will disappear altogether.

But whatever the remedy, it must be immediate. For, in the opinion of the majority of students who have come to college for the purpose of becoming a little wiser, the academic conditions here are rapidly defeating their own ends.

So this is the time for deeds and not for words. Steps must be taken to better a situation that is quickly becoming pernicious.

THANKSGIVING DAY

The Thanksgiving season is lovely here. The big Odd and Even game is, of course, exciting, and Thanksgiving Day itself is so delightful that everyone should stay on campus to enjoy it to the fullest. There is always an impressive service in the morning, a delicious luncheon at noon and at night, an unsurpassable banquet. The girls who have been here before naturally wouldn't think of missing any of this. But to the new ones who might make the fatal mistake of staying in town to eat a forlorn dinner of cold turkey at the S. and W., we issue a warning—don't fail to be here for a taste of Hollins' Thanksgiving cheer!

STUDENT LIFE wishes to extend to the students and faculty the very heartiest wishes for a happy holiday. It is hoped that if you go to the game the side you bet on wins, and that your beautiful chrysanthemums don't start to wither before Sunday at the earliest.

APOLOGY

STUDENT LIFE deeply regrets a statement made in the last issue to the effect that Eleanor Wilson was a member of the Philadelphia Hockey Team. She writes that her position was that of a substitute for that particular game.

STUDENT FORUM

THE PUBLIC NUISANCE

It is necessary for this column to descend from its standard of dignity and inveigh against that menace to lecturer and lecture-goer alike—the gum chewer. From years of long and, sometimes sad, experience, it has been discovered that it is a physical impossibility for one to chew gum (Spearment, Dentyne, or what have you) without either audible or visible consequences. As a result, anyone within a radius of two or three aisles can detect the chewer. The lecturer, moreover, looks into a sea, not of intelligent faces, but of rhythmically moving jaws—jaws rotating in undulation dizzying enough to cause *mal de mer* to the speaker.

No one, however, not even the lecturer himself, would deny that certain trick kinds of audible chewing do require talent. But, in turn, no one will grant that the Little Theatre, Chapel or lecture room are the places for the exhibition of such prowess. The merely visible variety of chewing, on the other hand, is an indication of neither artistic nor molar skill. There is something bovine about just chewing—something reminiscent of the cud. Hence the chewer should consider the impression she wishes to convey to those within the field of vision. Cow or human—which? And if the choice be cow, it is hoped that the persistent chewer making this selection will take to the fields for the enjoyment of her cud.

DATES!

A recent article in a student publication of a neighboring men's college should serve to bring to the attention of Hollins students a deplorable situation. This article, purporting to be a warning to all freshmen at that institution against the horrors of the Green Drawing Room, criticizes, in most uncomplimentary terms, our system of entertaining dates. While the criticism is deficient in many respects, it is, nevertheless, obviously an expression of opinion and as such must be considered.

The humiliating truth is that the majority of boys dislike to have evening dates here. We know it, complain of it, but accept the situation.

Now, however, our pride is challenged. We must act. Let us revere our wealth of tradition; let us esteem 1842; but let us proclaim this year of our Lord, 1931!

(This is not a staff contribution)

TRAFFIC JAMS AND WARFARE

After all the pacifist propaganda that has been spread around campus, it seems rather incongruous that a miniature war takes place three times a day in the dining room. And war it is, for one finds it almost impossible to walk from the entrance to the back part of the dining room without literally fighting her way there. Of course there are arguments in favor of the "fight method." It undoubtedly increases one's appetite. Then, too, it might be said to take the place of Danish gym in so far as contortional value is concerned. But from the standpoint of our supposedly peace-loving propensities, such behaviour is certainly out of keeping. Besides being indicative of belligerent tendencies, it is undignified! It is embarrassing! Imagine the confusion of one who finds it necessary to disentangle her hair from a nearby cuff button in order to bow her head for grace. Murders inaccessible, how can she be nonchalant? Nor is this fiction, for, many times, due to the congestion in aisles between tables, one is forced to dive under a neighboring arm. So, to avoid fights, embarrassment and loss of hair (not to mention temper) let us all guard against anything approaching a traffic jam in the dining room.

Enjoy English Singers On Hollins Campus

With the performance of the English Singers on November 2d, the Hollins students experienced a new type of educational entertainment. This consisted of a program of Elizabethan music. Madrigals, Motets, Folk Songs and Ballads.

Since this music is polyphonic in style and, consequently, particularly difficult, the English Singers are especially to be complimented on their finished performance. The most creditable feature of their singing was the execution of sustained harmony, for their releases, attacks and phrasing were exceptionally exact.

As the music of this period had no measure lines, each voice followed the other in regular succession. Another characteristic of the songs was the way in which the music interpreted the meaning of the text. For instance, when the "sighs arose" the music went up. Likewise, when the words said, "the hum of the bees," the music expressed the soft droning sound.

Interest in Elizabethan music is being revived. Because of this, Madrigal Societies are being formed throughout the United States for this purpose. The English Singers are indeed good ambassadors for this cause.

Becoming Internationally-Minded at Hollins

Next Monday morning, on the back campus bulletin board, N. S. F. A. will place a map of the world. There will be a thumb tack sticking in the name of each city and in the center of each portion of the map where something of world interest is occurring. Attached to each thumb tack will hang a string which leads to a clipping on the board that will describe the events in that particular locality. Those who are becoming daily more internationally-minded will be much interested in this novel method of keeping up with world news of the day.

The N. S. F. A. Committee has also attained the signatures of all students to the petition for World Peace, sponsored by the club women of America. This document will be sent to the Disarmament Conference to be held at Geneva in February. Hollins is proud to contribute her share toward this movement for World Peace.

Mr. Edgar C. Raine to Speak on "Alaska"

On November 23d, the faculty and students are to have the opportunity to hear a lecture on Alaska by Edgar C. Raine. Mr. Raine probably knows more of Alaska by actual contact than any man living. He has spent the past thirty-three years there, during ten of which, as representative of the United States Treasury Department, he has visited every town, once a year. On these trips he has collected hundreds of pictures, some of which he will probably show. The general criticism which Mr. Raine receives is that his lectures are unusually clear-cut, instructive and entertaining.

Music Board Announces the Purchase of a Radio

The Music Board announces that a radio has been bought for the Board room in Presser Hall. With this acquisition both students and faculty will have the opportunity of hearing classical music and educational programs. Everyone is cordially invited to make use of this privilege at any time.

REVELATIONS

Eager to hear the further "revelations" promised by Mr. Turner about people, pictures and places connected with the history of Hollins, we pursued him to his office one beautiful afternoon. We had long been anxious to know the stories connected with the pictures which we had often seen in the business office and now found to be hung together on the walls of Mr. Turner's office. As he walked about the room, he disclosed the following information, illustrating his story with pictures taken from these walls:

"The beginning of the present community may be said to have been the sulphur spring. The story goes that the spring was discovered in the bed of Carvin Creek, named for William Carvin, who settled on the land in July, 1746. On a later inclusive survey specific reference is made to this original 150-acre tract, 'including a small sulphur spring.'

"In 1820 Charles Johnston built the Botetourt Springs Hotel, which was famous in its day, and in 1832 John H. B. Latrobe, of Baltimore, visited there. Mr. Latrobe was an engineer, an artist and a man of broad culture. In one of the chapters of a book (*John H. B. Latrobe and His Times, 1803-1891*, by J. E. Semmes) which contains many of his writings, there is a charming account of his visit to Botetourt Springs. It is fittingly illustrated with a quaint water-color painting of Mr. Latrobe with the Claiborn family, it being recorded that 'the charming Miss Claiborn was really the attraction' at the Springs.' The copy of this water color of Miss Claiborn which Mr. Turner produced, was evidence of her charm.

"There is another picture equally quaint," Mr. Turner continued, "which does not appear in the book, but hangs on the wall of my office. This is a representation of the sulphur spring as it appeared in 1832. High rail fences surrounded it and in the background, about where one of the hockey goals is now placed, stood a log cabin almost surrounded by the woods. Certainly some of the trees near the spring are still standing, as several are over one hundred years old. There are many references in Mr. Latrobe's story to Tinker Mountain and to the Tombstone Graveyard where, it seems, he became engaged to Miss Claiborn." A rather strange place, we thought, but each one to his own taste—or opportunity.

"In 1839, Botetourt Springs was sold and opened as a school—the Roanoke Female Seminary. It was operated by a nephew of the Charles Johnston who had built the hotel; namely, Edward William Johnston. The charming St. Memmin of Charles Johnston and the framed photograph of it hang on a wall of the entre-salle." Now we know the identity of this prominently featured gentleman. "A picture of his nephew, Edward William, taken late in life, together with a photograph of Hezekiah Daggs, who operated Botetourt Springs from 1833 until 1839, hang on a wall of my office. Another interesting document on this same wall is a flourishing advertisement of Botetourt Springs, which appeared in a Richmond paper on May 3, 1825.

"More interesting than all of these, however, are three lovely silhouettes of girls in their teens who were students here in 1839.

"There is yet another picture of Edward William Johnston, a silhouette taken in 1840. On the same page there are also found the quaint silhouettes of Gennaro Boz Kaotra, an Italian music teacher at the Seminary, and of Monsieur and Madame Villegrande, a highly cultured couple who taught French there.

Feeling that he had "revealed" enough for one day, Mr. Turner stopped us then, but he promised to tell us next time about the Henry Clay letter, a letter to Mrs. Breckinridge, the rules and regulations of the Roanoke Female Seminary.

The Debating Society Holds Convocation

At Convocation Wednesday night, November 18th, Miss Catherine Witschen, President of the Debating Society, presented that organization to the College. Miss Witschen then introduced the following officers of the society: Sylvia Susseles, Vice President; Virginia Messmore Treasurer; Jean Hartsook, Corresponding Secretary; and Frances Mears, Chairman of Program. Miss Witschen, in introducing Miss Parmenter as speaker for the Society, recalled the splendid cooperation given by the faculty to all student undertakings.

Miss Parmenter spoke briefly on the history of debating. She pointed out that interest in college debating in proportionate to the efficacy and importance of oratory and public speaking in the world. Miss Parmenter mentioned the present revival of interest in college debating which she thinks partly due to the influence of the radio, because the radio is creating a listening public—that is, a public which forms opinions through hearing rather than reading, as was the case when the newspaper first appeared.

Miss Parmenter next traced the history of the Debating Society from its founding in 1929 and recounted the founding and subsequent abandoning in 1916 of the two earlier literary societies on campus. The method and object of debating has changed since that time. The no-decision debate is the accepted form to-day and the object is to analyze the question and then formulate the chief points clearly. Finally, Miss Parmenter defined the aims of intercollegiate debating as: first, to awaken interest in really great issues of the day and, second, to bring about better relations with other colleges through debating.

Miss Witschen then presented the aims of the Debating Society at Hollins: first, to foster deeper appreciation and study of the form and technique of debating; second, to give to the college an enjoyable yet valuable activity; and third, to create interest in intercollegiate debating and further its place on our campus in the future.

The Society hopes to have more debates open to the students and announced the first open meeting for next Friday night, after chapel.

Plans Made for Annual Thanksgiving Celebration

The annual celebration of Thanksgiving, as is customary, will begin with the Thanksgiving Service at 10:00 A. M. in the Chapel. The Rev. W. P. Binns, of Roanoke, will officiate. There will also be a special program of music by the Hollins Choir.

All during the day parties of girls will leave campus with their families and friends to attend the annual V. P. I.-V. M. I. football game in Roanoke. At one o'clock, there will be special buses going to the game, and returning to school immediately after the game.

At 6:30 P. M. the annual Odd-Even Hockey Banquet will take place. The Odd and Even teams, the coaches and the officials will assemble in the drawing room between 6:00 and 6:30 and march into the dining room, which will be decorated in keeping with the season. The features of the banquet are the reading of the football scores, the awarding of the cup to the captain of the incoming hockey team, the awarding of individual trophies of various kinds, and the announcement of the Varsity Hockey Team.

These celebrations have been going on at Hollins since the introduction of basket ball. On the completion of the gym in 1924, however, basket ball was moved indoors and made a winter sport and hockey took its place as the favorite outdoor sport for fall.

N. S. F. A. NEWS

WOMEN BECOME CRITICAL

A group of women students at the University of Southern California have agreed to pay the full cost of dates if their escorts can measure up to their standard of "the perfect man."

Here's how the model man will be rated by the girls: intelligence, 20 per cent.; cultural background, 15 per cent.; personal appearance, 15 per cent.; personality, 10 per cent.; physical fitness, 5 per cent.; clear understanding of the meaning of the word "no," 5 per cent.; social poise, 5 per cent.; dancing ability, 5 per cent.

The quarterly bulletin of the Association of American Colleges contains one of the most comprehensive surveys of progressive college projects to be found in any recent publication. This publication also includes an article by Archie M. Palmer on "The College and World Affairs." Copies of the Association's bulletin may be secured for 75¢ each from the Association of American Colleges, 111 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

GERMANS THINK TOO MUCH

"American people have much more common sense than Europeans when they get through college," is what an exchange student of Temple University says. "People over there are always thinking, thinking, thinking—about philosophy, or some such thing. We have not many sports nor extra-curricular activities," she lamented.

"I saw my first football game here. It was marvelous. Do you know what I thought they were doing when the players all stood together at the beginning of the game? I thought they were having a prayer."

OVERWORKED FRENCH STUDENTS

Public opinion in France has been greatly stirred by the supposed plight of her students. It has been alleged that the whole generation under 20 is menaced by overstudy, with its attendant ills—tuberculosis, meningitis, typhoid and cerebral anemia. Newspapers, magazines and educational reviews have discussed with sympathy the question of relief. Two years ago an official commission of investigation was appointed. It is still deliberating.

As a sample of an inflated university course Series A is cited. It includes no less than thirty French authors, twelve Latin authors, three of whom must be read entire—*Vergil*, *Horace* and *Lucretius*; twelve Greek authors, with the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey* compulsory. Candidates for a degree are not required to have read all of these works, but the examiner may ask questions about any of them. The program for students specializing in modern languages is similarly full. Add to that the quota for history, literature and geography, and a good dose of mathematics, physics and chemistry, and there is no doubt that there is temptation to work too hard.

Princeton University held a "World Court Rally" on Armistice night. The purpose of the meeting was announced as "furthering the entrance of the United States into the World Court."

Once a month the Berlin Broadcasting Station organizes a series of discussions by students, which are led by professors from the University of Berlin of different political opinion. The representatives of the different political student groups are asked to come and

discuss very frankly political topics chosen beforehand by students and professors. The idea of confronting in discussion two students of opposite political opinion has proved excellent, achieving a very clear and logical development of the two standpoints. The professor leading the discussion takes part in it only to the extent of saying some impartial words of introduction and conclusion, and of keeping it on the original subject.

"At Swarthmore, we substitute hard work for discipline so that the brilliant student is kept interested." President Aydelotte has been developing the honors course system under which capable students are allowed individual work with a minimum of supervision and a maximum of encouragement.

Students at the University of Southern California have formed a Cinema Club to promote the study of the movie industry. The club will produce its own skits, newsreels and film library. Movie studios are offering several fellowships in connection with the work.

Triangle Chapter Presents "Elizabeth, the Queen"

Elizabeth, the Queen was presented on the evening of November 13th at the Little Theatre by Miss Elizabeth Risdon and an excellent supporting cast. The performance was sponsored by the Triangle Chapter of the Alumnae Association, by special arrangement with the Theatre Guild of New York. Maxwell Anderson's witty, sympathetic story of "the strangest love affair in history" was a stage success last season in New York, starring Lynn Fontaine and Alfred Lunt. Miss Risdon will be remembered by Hollins students from former appearances in *The Strange Interlude* and *The Doctor's Dilemma*.

Queen Elizabeth lived again in Miss Risdon's interpretation of that proud woman who loved, and who sacrificed her love to her pride and her country. In addition to her own extensive and intelligent study of Queen Elizabeth, Miss Risdon followed, to some extent, the splendid portrayal by Lynn Fontaine. By the sheer quality of her dramatic ability Miss Risdon enabled her audience to follow the inmost thoughts of that queen, who sometimes forgot to be a queen and became a woman—prey to all the emotions which should have no place in the life of a queen.

Playing opposite Miss Risdon, George Blackwell admirably met the difficult task of rendering plausible the love of a young, hot-headed nobleman for his queen, a woman much older than he and no longer beautiful. This man, who wanted both the love and power of his queen, was the one man of all others whom she loved. She knew from the first, however, what Lord Essex finally admitted: "I have a weakness for being first wherever I go." Because of this knowledge, Elizabeth sentenced him to death; but because of her love for him, she wanted him to live, no matter what the cost. Lord Essex expressed the situation in these words, "There has been an empire between us!" In other circumstances they could have been happy, but, now, his death was the only alternative.

The supporting cast was exceptionally good. Arling Aleine was the scheming, handsome Sir Walter Raleigh, who hated Essex. Sir Robert Cecil, with the sharp edges of his cunning revealed in spite of his soft voice, was admirably played by Brandon Evans. Renee Lambert was so charming as Penelope Gray that one is amazed at Lord Essex's coolness toward her.

Much praise is due Mr. Lee Simonson for the designing of the setting and costumes. Besides being historically correct, they furnished a suitable background and emphasized skillfully the prevailing moods of the play.

I. S. S. Bulletin Offers Many Interesting Facts

In accordance with the plan of the N. S. F. A. Committee to bring the American student into contact with her European sister, *STUDENT LIFE* publishes gleanings from the *International Student Service Bulletin*. With offices in Geneva, this paper keeps in touch with the students throughout the world and is, therefore, an organ of international influence.

The I. S. S. convention meeting at Mount Holyoke in August, 1931, considered the following reports and recommendations: "That the Geneva office serve as a central agency through which foreign students will be assured of participation in summer camps and work colonies."

"That the special committee be appointed to meet after the conference to consider the possibility of student activity in connection with the problem of disarmament."

"That the conference ask the Assembly to consider the possibility of holding the next annual conference in Czechoslovakia."

In recent years the Y. W. C. A. pilgrimage to Europe has offered to many students the opportunity of seeing Europe and of meeting under exceptional conditions European students. Last year the group was not large on account of the financial crisis. This year, however, the addition of a trip to the Balkans should prove an incentive.

"In preparation for the General Disarmament Conference a new magazine, *Disarmament*, is being published in Geneva in three languages. The purpose is to give as true an impression as possible of the movements of opinion in different countries upon this subject."

Y. W. C. A. Opens a Browsing Room Here

At last Hollins has a browsing room! The Y. W. C. A., recognizing the need for a place in which to delve at will into books, pamphlets, newspapers or magazines, has for that purpose furnished a room in connection with their quarters in East Building. There rocking chairs and lamps have been invitingly placed to induce the weary to pause a moment and to become "internationally-minded." There, too, are writing desks and a typewriter which may be used even during quiet hour.

No excuse remains now for unanswered letters, or ignorance about the latest news concerning Ghandi, Russia, Japan or any other current topic.

Portrait of a Scholar

A noted psychologist has given the following requirements of a scholar:

Understanding and appreciation of other races and cultures contemporary or remote.

Ability and disposition to weigh evidence in controversial matters.

Ability and disposition mentally to project an undertaking through its successive steps before undertaking it.

Skill in explanation and prediction.

Ability and disposition to look beneath the surface of things before passing judgment.

Ability to do reflective thinking.

Disposition toward continued study and intellectual cultivation.

Critical and questioning attitude toward traditional sanctions.

Clarity in definition.

Discrimination in values in reacting to environment, social and physical.

Analytical approach to propositions leading to the detection of fallacies and contradictions.

Ability and disposition to observe accurately and systematically.

The ability to see relationships and accuracy in their interpretation.

A freshness of interest with respect to the developments of knowledge.—*Barnard Exchange*.

A T H L E T I C S

After long weeks of practice the final tournaments have at last begun. The Odd-Even Archery Tournament was the first on the sports program. The Evens were victorious and Margaret Sockwell, Even, was high individual scorer, while Anne Coale, Odd, had second individual scoring honors.

The class hockey tournament was the second event of the fall season. Friday, November 6th, the Juniors played the Freshmen to a tie, the final score being 1-1. Saturday a double-header was played. In the first game the Seniors defeated the Juniors, 4-1, while in the second the Sophomores defeated the Freshmen by the same score. Monday the Seniors beat the Freshmen, 5-0. Tuesday the Sophomores defeated the Juniors, 3-0. The final game of the season, and by far the most exciting, was that between the Seniors and the Sophomores for the Class Hockey Championship. This is the third time in four years that the Class of '32 has held the Championship, their only defeat coming last year at the hands of the Class of '34, whom they defeated in this year's final.

Thursday, November 12th, was the date of the Individual Swimming Meet. High scoring honors went to Ted Tidwell, Class of '32, and Jerry Garber, Class of '33, with 11 points each. Second place went to Cynthia Webb, Class of '35, and third place to Adria Kellogg, Class of '34.

Beautiful muscular control was displayed in the diving and form swimming by Ted Tidwell, who won first place in the former and second in the latter. A second place in the racing back crawl gave her the last two of her total of eleven points. Jerry Garber flashed with her usual speed to win the forty-yard free style by a fraction of a second from Cynthia Webb, who placed second. Then Jerry proceeded with remarkable ease to win in form swimming. A third place in the plunge brought her total to eleven points.

Other firsts were won by Adria Kellogg in the breast stroke, Susanna Turner in the plunge, and Cynthia Webb in the twenty-yard back crawl.

Results of Each Event

Twenty-Yard Breast Stroke: first place, Kellogg, 15.6 seconds; second place, Graham.

Form Swimming: first place, Garber, 24.6 points; second place, Tidwell, 23.8; third place, Kellogg, 23.2.

Twenty-Yard Back Crawl: first place, Webb, 16.2 seconds; second place, Tidwell; third place, Plumb.

Plunge: first place, Turner, 39 feet, 9 inches; second place, Huffard; third place, Garber.

Diving: first place, Tidwell, 54.29 points; second place, McCarthy; third place, Kellogg.

Forty-Yard Free Style: first place, Garber, 28.2 points; second place, Webb; third place, Graham.

The Class Tennis matches were played off Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the teams having been selected by means of a Round Robin Tournament within the classes. The Senior tennis team was composed of Leonora Alexander, singles; Eleanor Burwell and Jane Sutherland, doubles. Junior tennis team: Kay Locke, singles; Bettina Rollins and Virginia Bowman, doubles. Sophomore tennis team: Elenore Montague, singles; Lillian Burns and Eleanor Cadbury, doubles. Freshman tennis team: Ann Hemphill, singles; Bea Graham and Alethea Patrick, doubles.

At the time *STUDENT LIFE* went to press the first of these matches had been played. The Sophomore doubles defeated the Senior doubles, 6-1, 6-3. The Junior singles defeated the Senior singles, 6-1, 6-4. Juniors defeated the Freshmen in doubles, 6-1, 6-3, but the Freshmen defeated the Juniors in the singles, 7-5,

Hollins Represented at Quadrennial Convention

The Eleventh Quadrennial Convention of the Student Volunteer Movement of the United States and Canada will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., from December 30, 1931, until January 3, 1932. Hollins College will be represented by Elizabeth Dawson, a member of the present Y. W. C. A. Board.

The program of the conference will center about the phrase, "The Living Christ in the World of To-Day." It will endeavor to show the whole social milieu in which the Christian way and the Christian organization find themselves, as well as to disclose the movement of India and Japan, headed by Kagawa, in creating fullness of life for others.

Each of the preceding ten conventions of the Student Volunteer Movement has presented the claims of Christ and the needs of men everywhere for Him in terms of the world then existing. In view of this precedent, the committee on arrangements for the coming convention seeks to make this Quadrennial even more productive, dynamic and far-reaching than its predecessors.

The delegates will come together to work toward the accomplishment of the following objectives:

"(1) They will seek a comprehensive view of the world to-day with its momentous forces—social, intellectual, economic and spiritual—which everywhere condition and color human life.

"(2) They will consider the extent to which Jesus is attracting to Himself the attention and admiration of the world and is demonstrating His unique power to bring life to individuals and to society.

"(3) They will consider how that power is finding effective expression in the worldwide enterprise of Christian Missions.

"(4) Finally, they will attempt to discover what this enterprise must become in the immediate future and what they as individuals must be, and what they must do to deepen its spirit and direct its progress."

If not the heart of the convention, at least one of its most vital parts will be the Round Tables. These can easily degenerate into lectures on one hand, and discussions which are mere exchanges of prejudice, on the other; but it is sincerely hoped they will not! Between twenty and thirty leaders have already been invited to conduct the Round Tables. Each has submitted a subject, some of which are: "Missions in an Industrial Age," "Social Engineering on a World Scale," "The Present Situation Among Moslem Peoples" and "Higher Education in India." Each delegate will also be asked to designate three or four fields of interest, and he will be assigned to a Round Table leader whose interest coincides as nearly as possible with one of his own. As an expert and a hobbyist, the leader will lay open his field of interest but he will not obsess it. The rest will try to understand and share it; and enter into the leader's idea about his particular field with the utmost sympathy and yet with pertinent questions and intelligent criticisms. In short, the Round Tables Conferences will become, it is expected, intelligent and passionate conversations.

The convention committee has the following officers: E. Fay Campbell, Chairman; Gerald F. Winfield, First Vice Chairman; Madeline Tillman, Second Vice Chairman; Russell B. Richardson, Registrar; Jesse R. Wilson, Executive Secretary.

"Nine Till Six" is to be Presented To-Night

The fall play, "Nine Till Six," is to be given at eight-thirty to-night in the Little Theatre. It is with great anticipation that the campus looks forward to seeing this production. "Nine Till Six" includes a large cast composed entirely of female characters.

Freshman Commission is Appointed by Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. has announced the following members of the Freshman Commission: Charlotte Fletcher, Isabelle Knight, Emily Plummer, Marian Walker, Emmy Lou Wilson, Edith Wiggins.

This Commission, directed by Mary Creech, Vice President of the Y. W. C. A., has complete charge of Morning Watch and Devotionals during one week each month. The Bulletin Board and supervision of the Browsing Room also come under the control of this group. Another function of the Commission will be to explain to the Freshmen Class the White Gift Service at Christmas-time and to outline their part in this ceremony.

Under their leadership, likewise, is a project that will concern the Freshmen Class in relation to the College. This is to be announced later.

The Y. W. C. A. instituted the Freshman Commission last year and found it so successful that it has become a permanent part of the organization.

The Jitney Players Return to Hollins

On November 19th, the Jitney Players presented Molière's "The Bourgeois Gentleman" in the Little Theatre. Both the subject matter and delightful manner of presentation of this play made it very entertaining. The appreciation that the audience felt for the author's greatness was heightened by the splendid acting. Molière wrote the play to amuse Louis XIV, and truly the entertainment is "fit for a king."

"The Bourgeois Gentleman" is a satire on the *nouveau riche*, for the principal character is a man of the "dangerous age" who desires to acquire culture. The comic effect is acquired through his choice of subjects of study in order to gain polish.

Society



The Dramatic Board entertained informally at tea on Friday, November 14th, in honor of the cast of *Elizabeth, the Queen*, presented that night at the Little Theatre. Mrs. Joseph A. Turner presided at the tea table while the members of the Board assisted as hostesses. The guest list was limited to a few members of the faculty and the Dramatic Board.

Margaret Jeffries recently spent a few days at her home in Chase City.

Lois Pruitt and May Gilmore are going to Annapolis next week.

Helen Stevenson is visiting friends at Randolph-Macon.

Helen Handy, Elizabeth Hill, Dot Irvin and Kitty Ruth were in New York last week.

Virginia Staples, Hattie Grant and Wingfield Barry were at the football game and dances on November 14th in Charlottesville.

Betty Bowe, Martha Kock, Mary Lewis and Nell Burton were guests of Betty Bowe's grandmother a few days ago in Charlottesville.

Kent Millsaps, Carey Kurth, Charlotte Hampton, May Gilmore, Martha Rouse, Ann Harlan, Betty Taylor, Sue Wood and Julia Lamar will attend the Thanksgiving dances at Washington and Lee.

Anne Perry's family was on campus last week.

Jane Weightman is now in Washington.

Nancy Mason, Lois Pruitt, Retta Thompson, Betty Robinson, Nancy Nixon, Mary Louise Rhodes, Winnie Weaver, Frances Briggs and Clair Backs are attending Thanksgiving dances at V. M. I.

Lucy Robinson, Esther Shoup, Jane Sutherland, Elizabeth Fooshé and Mary Van Turner visited Kay Schmidt in Baltimore for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Rankin and their three sons will visit Anna Boyce Rankin Thanksgiving.

Anne Kimmons and Anne Taylor visited at Sweet Briar last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Weed, of Jacksonville, Florida, are visiting their daughter, Margaret.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Montague, of Riverside, Connecticut, will visit Elenore Thanksgiving.

Lois Yancey, Mary Ann Dannenbaum, Jay Offut and Dot Spencer spent last week-end in Philadelphia.

Peggy Macdowell is attending the Harvard-Yale game at Cambridge on November 21st.

Frances Elkins had as her guest last week Evelyn Greener.

Mary Hoppel Dewey and Patricia Young, from Randolph-Macon, are visiting Kate Holland.

Thirza Kirven, Angie Paxton, Virginia Raymond, Jessie Taylor, Betty Robins and Marion Hamilton spent part of last week at their homes in New Jersey.

Emily Ewers, Leah Jones, Mary Watkins and Nancy Mason were at the home-coming dances at V. M. I.

Rosalind Lea and Betty Marshall were guests of Clair Backs last week at her home in Glen Ridge, N. J.

Mrs. R. H. Mann, of Birmingham, Michigan, has been visiting Kay.

Anne Minor recently visited in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Anne Wynne Fleming, ex-'33, will be on campus Thanksgiving visiting her sister, Miriam.

Isabelle Knight, Louise King, Virginia Dillon, Patsy Thayer and Anna Boyce Rankin visited Chatham Hall recently.

Emily Ewers, Adelaide Rawles, Dot Donovan, Ruth Martin, Margaret Nabors, Catherine

Witschen, Evelyn Woody and Mozelle Dalton will be at V. P. I. for Thanksgiving dances.

Anne Kimmons and Helen Harwood will attend the Thanksgiving dances at A. M. A.

Betsy Sopher and Virginia Herbert are visiting Dot Hunt in Blacksburg.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. McCarley, of Atlanta, will spend Thanksgiving with their daughter, Anne.

ALUMNAE NOTES

Johnsie Eager, ex-'33, has pledged Theta at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee.

Clair White, ex-'34, and her husband were on campus last week.

Beatrice Bowman, ex-'31, was married October 29th to Mr. Fred Bear.

Miss Anna MacDonald, formerly instructor in piano at Hollins, is now studying piano at the Tobias Matthoy School in London.

Lucille Pascal, ex-'34, visited Hollins recently.

Virginia Pennock, ex-'34, is studying landscape gardening this year.

Claire Whitfield, '30, and McClair Mooklar, ex-'32, are members of the cast for "*The Cradle Song*," the first play of the season to be given by the Little Theatre of Richmond.

Mildred Vance, ex-'31, was married November 15th to Mr. Gorman Houston. They will make their home in Eufala, Alabama.

Louise Atkinson, ex-'33, was on campus recently to visit Leta Adams.

Caroline Stanley, '33, has been pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta sorority at the University of Arizona.

Mr. and Mrs. Swift (Vera Howard, '29) are announcing the birth of a daughter, Barbara Jewett, born November 12th.

Dickens Club Continues in Hollins Community

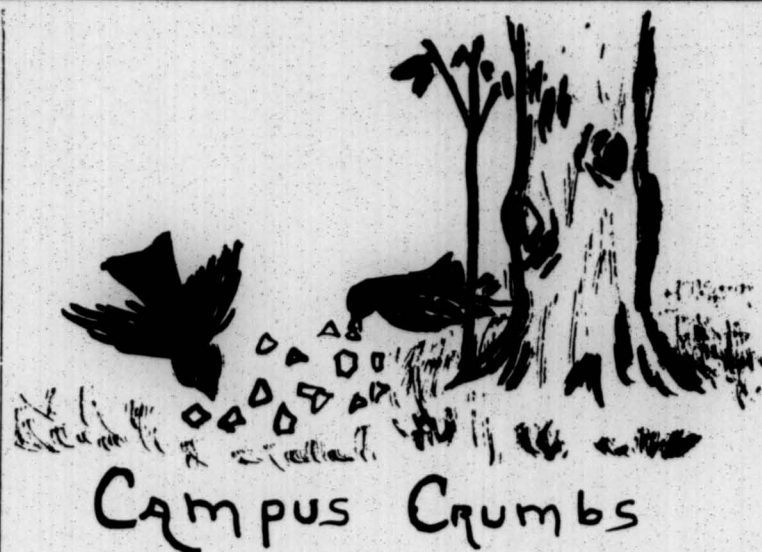
If you have chuckled over the procrastinations of Mr. Micawber, or have shuddered at the hardships of life at Dotheboys Hall, or wept with Little Nell; in short, if you revel in the humor, pathos and reality of Charles Dickens, then you will understand the object of the Dickens Club in the Hollins community.

For, many years ago, three ladies formed a club whose purpose was to read Dickens thoroughly. Mrs. Boozer, Miss Thalia Hayward and Miss Sneed were so enthusiastic over their reading that many members of the faculty and other people living on campus decided to join.

Gradually, however, the membership has declined. The smaller group, consisting of Miss Hayward, Mrs. Boozer, Miss Willie Scott, Miss Parkinson, Miss Tutwiler, Miss Sitler and Miss Fillinger, continues to meet each Friday night at the home of Miss Ella Cocke. There, seated before the fire, if the weather permits, each lady settles back in a comfortable chair, a light over her left shoulder, and leisurely sews or embroiders, nibbling occasionally at candy or nuts, while one of the members, usually Miss Willie Scott, reads aloud. Repetition evidently enhances the charm of Dickens, for his novels have been read and re-read, until each listener is thoroughly acquainted with those delightful characters and is apt at recognizing and placing any quotation.

David Copperfield, *Pickwick Papers*, *Dombey and Son*, *Our Mutual Friend* and *Nicholas Nickleby* are especial favorites, while each Christmas-time calls for *The Cricket on the Hearth*.

In late years, however, modern novels have been interspersed. At present Willa Cather offers *The Lost Lady* and *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. Yet one feels sure, somehow, that no recently created character will take the place of Dora or Mr. Pickwick in the hearts of the members of the Dickens Club.



Some of the lovers of statistics on campus have recently made some tabulations that prove to be an interesting commentary on the manner in which students are being submerged by work. It has been estimated that due to the present epidemic of writtens, papers and long daily assignments, sixty per cent. of the student body have written home to discover if the symptoms of approaching insanity have an hereditary foundation. The remaining forty per cent. have already made reservations at local sanatoriums for the end of the school year.

It seems impossible that time has passed so rapidly that the Seniors are already flying around asking people to wear their caps and gowns at Commencement. Children *will* grow up!

Judging from the way the habitués of Kellar are employing their few leisure moments, checkers has supplanted the classic game of battleship chess, so popular of old.

It looks like a hard winter for Jimmy Longtail if Mary Watkins' puppy ever does arrive. Maybe she is holding him back 'til the checks come in with the first of the month—good idea, we think. But we hope she doesn't get careless about it for if he isn't produced by the fifth of the month she might as well send him back home. Money is so slippery, somehow!

There are fewer announcements than last year, but we don't see why people must have Vic announce meetings of four or five students. If we try hard to hear it, it is not for us, and if we don't, it is! And pity Vic's voice! It's quite simple to find people. We all eat. Nab us as we go into the dining room and then we won't have any excuse for not getting to your meeting.

Guess some of you have heard that Dr. Janney likes connectives. Because he recommended it we looked into the matter. Consequently, we agree with him. We have, therefore, resolved to use them and, on the other hand, we shall probably misuse them, until they become second nature. Doubtless, we shall, finally, attain the golden mean. In the meantime, look out!

Time is flying faster than usual this year. We can't resist one terrible comment on it. Isn't it odd that even hockey is almost over! Yes, yes, we'll hand in our resignation right away, but don't kill us!

The thought of hockey leads us to a mention of the rallies which are being held after dinner every night. Even if you *are* a monotone and tone deaf, at least lend your smiling presence to the song practices.

The train situation certainly has changed the importance of 4:30 P. M. But it is nice to get lots of mail in the morning even if it means that peering in Box 123 of an afternoon *doesn't* do any good.

It is being whispered in Kellar that a certain famous wearer of the Purple has been threatened with suit for libel.

The "psych" students, with their bells and mazes, seem to be bent on proving that the campus is populated with girls of eighth-grade intelligence.